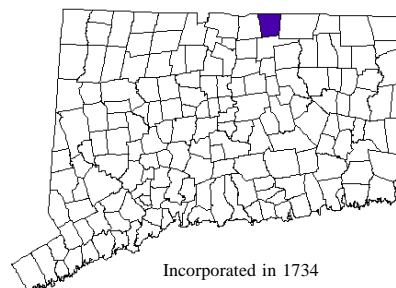


# Somers

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
Tolland County  
Hartford Labor Market Area  
Capitol Area Economic Dev. Region  
Capitol Region Planning Area



Incorporated in 1734

### Demographics

<i>Population (2001)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2001)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	9,108	128,699	3,287,116	White	9,714	131,024	2,997,210
2000	10,417	136,364	3,405,565	Black	833	2,797	266,880
2001	10,675	137,115	3,414,784	Asian Pacific	75	2,459	52,248
2006	11,592	140,118	3,465,947	Native American	11	217	6,660
'01-'06 Growth (AAGR)	1.66%	0.43%	0.30%	Hispanic (any race)	715	3,835	318,289
Land Area (sq. miles)	28	410	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	1.7%	4.7%	6.6%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2001)	377	334	682	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (2001)	\$33,817	\$28,592	\$32,317	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2001)	3,589	47,531	1,285,210	High School Graduate	2,077	33.7%	648,366
Median Age (2001)	39	35	37	Some College	1,753	28.5%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	1,374	22.3%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (2001)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	276 3%	1,128 11%	402 4%	1,965 18%	974 9%	622 6%	5,367
Female	305 3%	978 9%	409 4%	1,943 18%	981 9%	692 6%	5,308
County Total	8,456 6%	23,887 17%	16,664 12%	53,536 39%	19,210 14%	15,362 11%	137,115
State Total	213,561 6%	597,220 17%	279,666 8%	1,294,651 38%	544,994 16%	484,692 14%	3,414,784

### Economics

<i>Business Profile (2001)</i>	<i>% of</i>	<i>% of</i>	<i>Top Five Grand List (2001)</i>	<i>% of</i>
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Net</i>
Agriculture	27	7.5%	123	5.8%
Const. and Mining	69	19.1%	205	9.7%
Manufacturing	23	6.4%	153	7.2%
Trans. and Utilities	9	2.5%	50	2.4%
Trade	86	23.8%	334	15.8%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	14	3.9%	49	2.3%
Services	127	35.1%	690	32.7%
Government	7	1.9%	509	24.1%
Total	362	100.0%	2,113	100.0%
			<i>Net Grand List ()</i>	
			<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>	
			Conval, Inc.	Grower's Direct, Inc.
			State of CT Prison	Town of Somers
			Board of Education	
			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
			Retail Sales (1999)	\$44,590,724
				\$76,264,820,474

### Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Connecticut Mastery Test: Percent Above Goal</i>						
Total Students	1,525	461,203	Grade 4			Grade 6		Grade 8	
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,543	\$8,300	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	
Average Teacher's Salary	\$48,512	\$48,598	Reading	64 55	64 60	70 64			
Students Attending Public School	92.4%	89.2%	Math	77 59	62 59	69 51			
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.6	14.5	Writing	52 46	62 46	71 51			
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	73.0%	75.8%	<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>			
High School Dropout Rate	1.7%	4.6%	Verbal		514	503			
<i>Average Class Size</i>			Math		503	499			
Kindergarten 15.7	Grade 2 20.0								
Grade 5 24.2	Grade 7 22.6	High School 19.5							

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**Government**

Government Form	Selectman-Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1999)	\$2,364,645
				As % of Expenditures	12.7%
Total Revenue (1999)	\$19,215,881	Total Expenditures (1999)	\$18,626,631	Equalized Grand List (2001)	\$726,297,792
Tax Revenue	\$9,652,810	Education	\$12,490,072	Per Capita	\$78,997
Non-tax Revenue	\$9,563,071	Other	\$6,136,559	As % of State Average	0.5%
Intergovernmental	\$8,794,971	Total Indebtness (1999)	\$17,043,005	Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	1994
Per Capita Tax (1999)	\$1,050	As % of Expenditures	91.5%	Moody's Bond Rating (1999)	A1
As % of State Average	67.8%	Per Capita	\$1,854	Actual Mill Rate (1999)	22.56
		As % of State Average	134.5%	Equalized Mill Rate (1999)	15.56
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1999)	5.1%

**Housing**

Housing Stock (1999)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (2000)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	3,025	51,283	1,392,233	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	90.0%	73.3%	63.4%	Less than \$100,000	6	424	12,351
New Permits Auth. (1999)	40	770	10,794	\$100,001-\$200,000	68	1,118	24,349
As % Existing Units	1.32%	1.50%	0.78%	\$200,001-\$300,000	41	373	9,063
Demolitions (1998)	1	7	2,968	\$300,001-\$400,000	7	55	4,013
Residential Sales (2000)	124	1,982	56,032	\$400,001 or More	2	12	6,256
Average Price	\$164,723	\$139,673	\$219,784	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$165,000	\$126,000	\$135,500	Owner Occupied Dwellings	2,260	31,919	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	22.3%	22.2%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	85	4,509	148,930

**Labor Force**

(2000)	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)		
Labor Force	4,113	71,500	1,746,503	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	4,040	70,328	1,707,150	Somers	525	Enfield 827
Unemployed	73	1,172	39,353	Massachusetts	518	Somers 525
Unemployment Rate	1.8%	1.6%	2.3%	Enfield	317	Massachusetts 479
Total Employment	2,230	37,280	1,693,400	Vernon	88	Windsor Locks 348
'92-'00 Growth (AAGR)	-0.8%	1.4%	1.3%	Stafford	64	Hartford 256
Manufacturing	130	3,890	268,400	Ellington	47	Windsor 205
				Windsor	45	East Hartford 130
				Thompson	31	East Windsor 103
				Tolland	29	Bloomfield 101

**Quality of Life**

	Town	State	Library (1999)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (2000)	3	1,183	Total Volumes	39,659	Electric Provider
Lodging (1998)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	7.8	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1999)	4	1,722			(800) 286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 births (1998)	0.0	7.0	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1999) Per 1,000 Residents	10	33	Hartford	20	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	63.4%	68.7%	Boston	77	(800) 989-0900
			New York City	120	Water Provider
			Providence	55	Connecticut Water Company
Hospitals (1999)	0	2			(800) 286-5700
Total Beds	0	180			Cable Provider
					Cox Communications CT, Inc.
					888-633-4266